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A Message From the John Sapero, Planning Council Chair

Hello Fellow Council Members

First, let me thank everyone who has shown positive support for my new position as Director for AIDS Walk Arizona. You've really made me excited about stepping into my new role, and I appreciate the numerous offers to help out in any way. I'd love to hear any suggestions you might have on how to improve the Walk..... please call me at 602 265-9255. I'm sure the community will be just as enthusiastic as you are, and I'm confident the Walk will be very successful.

I'd also like to thank Donna Bryant, the Executive Committee and Planning Council Support for relieving some of the stress involved with the transition between jobs. Donna replaced me at Committee meetings with

very little notice, and even less hesitation. The Chairs have been giving me regular updates, and Planning Council Support (PCS) has been keeping everything running smoothly. I believe I've settled in now, and should be more visible at Committee functions.

For the Committee as a whole, I have two things I'd like to say. First, PCS and I are striving to make the Council less demanding of your time by sending you information in advance, so you have the opportunity to form questions and opinions prior to meetings. Please take the time to review the material, and come to meetings prepared. Remember that the choices you make affect people's lives, and we owe it to the community we serve to make well thought out, informed decisions. I find it to be a waste of time to present new material, have everyone skim through it, attempt to have a

dialog, and vote on an a span of 30 minutes. Everyone should be receiving materials in the mail, and electronically as well, when possible. If we can spend the majority of time we have in dialog, rather than reading and presentation, we can serve our community much better. I know this isn't practical for all of the business we conduct, but it can work for quite a bit of our regular functions.

Second, I'd like to ask that you be an active participant during meetings, and express yourself when you have an opinion. Our decision process is hindered when you don't vocalize your concerns. It does no one any good to keep silent during a meeting, and then make suggestions or comments in private as you walk out the door. The time to be vocal is during the dialog of an issue; if you speak during the meeting, there's no need to comment afterward. We're not here to rubber

stamp votes. Please let your opinion be known (and remember dialog versus debate). And also remember that I want your feedback on Council issues and operations. This is your Council, and I want to make it a rewarding volunteer experience for everyone. Let me know if a presentation was great or if you were dissatisfied with the way something was handled. I'll gladly listen to anything you may wish to comment on and make changes.

That said, you're all doing a wonderful job. You've really made some tough decisions very quickly, and we've put services into contract in an amazingly short amount of time.

Pat yourselves on the back!

John Sapero, Phoenix "EMA"
Planning Council Chair

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In Memory of Dr. Joel D. Mlnarik D.O.

Dr. Joel D. Mlnarik passed away unexpectedly, May 3rd, 2001. He was born in Phoenix, May 23, 1967. He is survived by his wife, Kelly, 2 children, Carson & Haley; father and mother, Ron and Barbara; brother, Lon and grandmothers, Anne Dymek and Helen Andrews.

Joel was a graduate of Camelback High School and Arizona State University. He received

Doctorate from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and has been in Family Practice with First Family Medical Group in Phoenix.



Having touched many lives in the HIV/AIDS community, he will certainly be missed and always remembered.

The family request that donations be made to a fund for Kelly and Children at Desert Schools Federal Credit Union, Mlnarik Fund, acct. #04,602-422-7000.

Membership Committee

“Dialogue is collaborative: two of more sides work together toward common understanding.

Debate is oppositional: two or more sides oppose each other and attempt to prove each other wrong.”

Upon the approval of the Ryan White Council's By-Law change to increase the number of voting members, the Membership Committee initiated the application and selection process of new members. The selection was made from members of the general public who met the requirements for membership. New member orientation was held on February 28, 2001 welcoming

members Elizabeth Ashby, Keith Cornish, Laura Kroger, Philip Seeger and Louie Tapia. And also on April 24, 2001, welcoming Marlon Guzman, Michael Jackson, Samuel Miles, Stephen O'Dell, Manuel Rascón, and Jorge Suárez. This addition now brings the Ryan White council membership to 42 members, the Council is now consisted of 36% consumers of Title I services. The

Membership Committee is also in the process of revising the membership application.

The next committee meeting is July 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Grunow Building, 926 East McDowell.

Carlos Jorge, Chair
Membership Committee



Planning Council Support

Things are going great as we prepare for upcoming mid-year reallocations and level-funding allocations for the next grant year as the application nears. In addition, PCS is working with all the committees to complete the policies and procedures for all the Council's activities. We hope to have final drafts available at the July meeting for approval. The ad-hoc com-

mittee Planning Council Support Development is back in action as they put together the Roles and Responsibilities agreement between John and Dr. Weisbuch. This document replaces a temporary agreement signed last winter, which expires June 1, 2001. We are also currently recruiting for a new manager who will replace me late July. I will be relocating to the San Fran-

cisco Bay Area to attend law school starting in the fall. If you would like a copy of the recruitment notice go to the county web-site at www.maricopa.gov or contact Human Resources at 602-506-3755 and refer to recruitment code: MGR-HSPCS/LB.

HRSA Update

The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), Division of Service Systems (DSS) is sponsoring a series of Regional Technical Assistance Meetings. The purpose of these sessions is to provide information regarding changes in the Title I and II programs contained in the Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 2000 and HAB/DSS expectations for implementing these changes. One of these meetings will be held in Phoenix on June 4-6. As only two representative from the Council per EMA are allowed to attend,

John and Jennifer will be attending and reporting back to the Council.

With budget constraints in Washington, travel allowances have been cut drastically. Therefore, the project officer for the Phoenix EMA, Pearl Katz, will not be making a site visit in the near future. To remedy this situation we have begun having monthly conference calls with her. This is your chance to ask questions and receive guidance.

The next conference call is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. all is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Consumer Committee

The Consumer Committee is growing. June's meeting will be Wednesday the 13th, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at APAZ (AIDS Project Arizona.)

We have located a kind individual from the APAZ team to look after any little ones for us and we hope to have a good crowd again for this meeting. Things

are hopping for the consumers and we feel more empowered by Ryan White with every meeting.

Please join us if you Can. Everyone's welcome and we gain so much more in the small



amount of time that we spend when we have people attend that can answer some of our questions.

Remember a small lunch is served so no one goes away without something.

Kathy Shain, Chair Consumer Committee

Allocations Committee

"a-lô-kâ-shun"/ noun 1: to apportion for a specific purpose or to particular persons or things. 2. To set apart or earmark.

"ka-mi-té"/noun 1. A body of persons delegated to consider, investigate, take action on, or report on some matter. 2.a self-constituted organization for the promotion of a common object or subject.

The Allocations Committee Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at Maricopa County

1845 E. Roosevelt St. from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with complimentary lunch*.

90% of our current grant monies are in contract and services are being provided to consumers.

Believe it or not.....Mid-year

allocation is just around the corner. The re-allocations process will begin in July when we receive the Contract Administrator Funding Reports.

Mark Kezios, Chair Allocations Committee

**“Coming
together is a
beginning,
Staying
together is
progress,
and working
together is**

David Paquette - Administrative Agent

The Office of Ryan White CARE Services (RWCS) is busily closing out the most recent grant year, and finalizing all contracts for the current year – two important components of our responsibilities in Title I programming. Of note are some



changes and new initiatives of the Office.

Matt Juan, Title I Business Analyst for RWCS for the past three and a half years, has left to take on new challenges within Public Health. Bonnie Weaver, Adminis-

trative Assistant, will assume these responsibilities in the short term. A heartfelt thanks to Matt for his years of incredible work, and to Bonnie for taking on the new challenge. Brian Hanna, formerly of Phoenix Body Positive, started as Program Coordinator in March.

Our newest initiative is the development of an EMA – wide sys-

Meeting Schedule



- Thursday, June 7, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Executive- Department of Public Health - 1845 East Roosevelt
- Tuesday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Allocations - Department of Public Health - 1845 East Roosevelt
- Wednesday, June 13, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Consumer - AIDS Project Arizona - 1427 N. 3rd St.
- Thursday, June 14, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Planning Council - HIV Care Directions - 1366 East Thomas
- Tuesday, June 19, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Community Planning and Assessment - Grunow Building - 926 East McDowell
- Thursday, June 21, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Pearl Katz, Conference Call - 602-372-9990.

Community Planning and Assessment Committee

Belated Birthday Wishes:

Carlos Jorge-March 7
Dr. Weisbuch - March 20
Don Stapley - March 20
Marlon Guzman-April 2
Elizabeth Ashby-April 25
Jim Chambers-April 25
Jorge Suárez-April 26
Philip Seeger-April 29
Carolyn Martinez-May 2
Nellie Nelson-May 7
Peter Houle-May 16

Both the Needs Assessment and Comprehensive Plan are underway. After soliciting the services of a writer for the comprehensive plan, Dr. Sue Wolf of Wattle and Daub was selected. The committee met with Dr. Wolf and developed a timeline of delivery of the plan. Meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 10. The committee encourages all Council members to participate in reviewing the drafts at these meetings as once the plan reaches the Council in July limited revisions will be possible. Planning Council Support will distribute these drafts prior to the meetings.

On June 6 the Board of Supervisors will sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with ASU to complete and update the Needs Assessment. The Epidemiological Profile will be updated by July and the



assessment of unmet need targeting individuals not receiving services will be completed in two parts. The first part will utilize the Simple Probabilities Approach using case management intake forms and the second part will be the implementation of a survey and focus group.

The committee is excited about the completion of these projects and encourages any Council member to become involved.

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